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Senate committee approves legislation creating incentives for Clean Corporate Citizens

LANSING – Legislation to make achieving Clean Corporate Citizen designation more attractive to businesses was approved today by the Senate Economic Development, Small Business and Regulatory Reform Committee, Sen. Laura Toy announced.

Senate Bill 354, sponsored by Toy, would put the Clean Corporate Citizen program into statute and give C3 designees a one-time permit discount. Specifically, a C3 company would receive a \$500 discount on the next permit fee it had to pay under the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act.

"The Clean Corporate Citizen program is a wonderful way to highlight companies that have demonstrated environmental stewardship and a strong environmental ethic," said Toy, R-Livonia. "Giving C3 designees real, tangible benefits such as permit-fee discounts would encourage more companies to strive for the C3 designation."

SB 354 now goes to the full Senate for consideration.

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